

TO IMPROVE THE STREETS

Petersburg in Good Financial Shape and Desires Good Thoroughfares.

ILLUSTRATED HAND BOOK

A Tie Vote for Superintendent of the Almshouse—Survey for Proposed New Railway.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., July 28.—A marked improvement in the pavements of the city has been going on here for some time, and has given rise to a public demand for a more extensive system of street improvements. The finances of Petersburg are in good condition, and admirably managed, and the city can well afford to improve both her roadways and sidewalks. Looking to this end, a joint meeting of the Public Improvement Committee and the Finance Committee of the Common Council was held this afternoon. It was agreed that the city should ask for bids for laying a granite-paved pavement on upper Main Street, from Halifax Street to the Heights. For this improvement the property owners along the street will be assessed one-third of the cost, and the city will pay two-thirds. If it develops that the granite work can be done in quantity at a reasonable price, the citizens of Petersburg can look forward to a very extensive improvement in this line.

Under the law, the city cannot assess property owners for any part of the cost of improvement to roadways. The committee hesitated at present to commit itself to any general policy of road improvement, but it was practically agreed that the roadway on Adams Street from Washington to Wythe Streets, should be laid with sheet asphalt under a contract with the property owners along the street, the city paying one-third and the property owners paying two-thirds of the cost.

A large and handsome hand-book, descriptive of Petersburg's mercantile and manufacturing interests and general commercial advantages, has just been published by the Franklin Press Company, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. The book is profusely and judiciously illustrated, containing pictures of all public buildings and large mercantile and manufacturing houses with sketches of many prominent business men, and descriptions of wholesale and retail houses throughout the city. There is also a full description of the waterworks, facilities and water power advantages.

Several owners of property on Old Street, near the place of the recent fire, have made liberal contributions to the firemen's relief fund, which now amounts to nearly one thousand dollars. This fund is for the benefit of sick and disabled firemen.

A TIE VOTE.
The Board of Overseers of the Poor met again this afternoon to elect a superintendent of the City Almshouse. The meeting resulted as before in a tie, six for Mr. J. W. Carter, and six for Mr. J. W. Baker. A jury of engineers is making a survey for an electric road from Petersburg to Richer's Pond, about fifteen miles south of the city. It is stated that the road will be extended to a point near the Southern Railway, an enterprise of Virginia capitalists.

SOCIAL.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. MacInn gave a delightful entertainment on Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. MacInn's sisters, the Misses Wilson, of Mobile, Ala. Mrs. MacInn was assisted by her daughter, Miss A. Worth, of this city. Card tables were laid on the porch of their attractive home on Jefferson Street, opposite the park, and the new and interesting game of "military euchre" was played. Miss Louise Zimmer won the lady's prize, and the winner of the gentlemen's prize was Mr. J. W. Carter. Miss Beattie Verson, of Farmville, Va., is visiting Miss Kate Bidgood, sister of Dr. R. M. Bidgood. Dr. Bidgood has as his guest his brother, Colonel J. V. Bidgood, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. J. Baxter Jones, yardmaster of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, at Crewe, Va., was killed this morning about 5 o'clock in the shifting yard at that place by being run over by some freight cars, which he failed to see were approaching.

Mr. Jones was a native of Crewe, and about thirty-eight years old. He is survived by his wife and three children.

ASHLAND TEACHERS.

List of Those Who Will Compose Next Year's Corps.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHLAND, VA., July 27.—The following is the complete corps of teachers for the Ashland schools as finally arranged: Mr. William E. Burge, principal; Miss Clara Cox, first assistant; Miss Mary V. Hughes, second assistant; Mrs. J. W. Carter, third assistant. The public schools of Ashland have for some time held a very high position, largely due to the excellent staff of teachers and to the persistent and conscientious efforts of an active school board. The school room and school building facilities are entirely inadequate, and it is only a matter of time before the town must be loaded to supply a large and suitable building.

Mr. Robert Gills, Jr., well known as connected with the Public Telephone Exchange, is rapidly recovering from the injury which he received last week from a fall, which broke two of his ribs.

The Presbyterian Church of Ashland has arranged to fill its pulpit permanently after October 1st, at which time the Rev. Dr. A. L. Lapsley, of Staunton, Va., who is the editor of the Sunday School Times, will be called to fill the pulpit and will occupy the manse in Ashland.

Among the late arrivals at the Henry Clay Inn is Mrs. S. A. Allen, of Philadelphia, who is the guest of Mrs. J. F. Howison, at the Henry Clay Inn.

Miss Louise Potts is visiting friends at Boydton, Va.

FIGHT IT OVER AGAIN.

State Board of Trade to Urge Enforcement Car Service Rules.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., July 28.—The car service rules, recently declared legal by the courts of Virginia, will be fought out again through the highest tribunals in the nation.

The railroads do not recognize that the regulations are not for the benefit of the public, but that the regulations are intended to rule that the regulations are

only effective between points in Virginia.

When the merchants undertook to apply the rules, some of the railroads, it is understood, refused to grant them, on the grounds above stated.

In order to apply them, the people of Virginia will have to go through, perhaps, another long and bitter legal struggle, which they are prepared to do, it is generally believed.

The Norfolk Chamber of Commerce this afternoon took the matter up and decided to ask the State Board of Trade, of which Norfolk and Richmond are strongly affiliated, to take the necessary steps at the earliest convenient date to get the question before the courts and have a test case hearing.

FRANKLIN REPUBLICANS.

Delegates Elected to the District Convention at Stuart.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROCKY MOUNT, VA., July 28.—The Republicans of Franklin met in convention in the Opera House, Rocky Mount, today. Ex-Senator J. A. Dinwiddie was elected chairman and T. J. Dudley secretary. Delegates were elected to the District Convention, which meets in Stuart on September 7th. Ex-Member of the House of Delegates J. P. Dudley was elected county chairman, vice George O. Young, resigned.

The convention at Stuart will elect five members of the State Committee, and will decide upon the desirability of putting out a candidate for Congress from this district. The convention was well attended, and but few negroes were present; harmony prevailed in its councils and a moderate amount of enthusiasm was displayed.

RICHMOND'S CHAMPION.

Willie Cosby Rides a Pony to Victory at Orange.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ORANGE, VA., July 28.—At the Orange Hiale Show, Willie Cosby, a young boy, Mr. L. H. Gray's Shetland stallion won the first prize. He was ridden by Willie Cosby, son of Mrs. W. W. Cosby, of Richmond, Va.

There were nine entries, and it was a beautiful sight to see the little boy, dressed in his best, riding the horse. The feature occurred when Master Cosby's pony ran away and dashed far ahead of the rest. The crowd was practically brought to a halt in the aisle, just in front of the grand stand. Then the vast crowd arose and gave the cheer "Go, Willie, go!" and the boy, with the horse, galloped to the finish, where he presented him with a handsome memento.

ACCEPTS THE CALL.

Rev. R. A. McFarland Will Take Charge Farmville Baptist Church

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., July 28.—A letter has been received from Rev. R. A. McFarland, accepting the unanimous call recently made to him to become the pastor of the Farmville Baptist Church. Mr. McFarland will enter upon his duties here September 1st, and succeeds the Rev. S. H. Thompson, who resigned the pastorate some six months ago. Mr. McFarland is a native of Farmville, and has been a member of the First Baptist Church at Bluefield, W. Va.

For several years Mr. McFarland has been a member of the Synod of the Southwestern counties of this State, and at present resides at Honaker, in Giles county. His family consists of a wife and eight children, and a comfortable parsonage on St. George Street.

A CLOSE CALL.

Policeman's Suspender Buckle Turns Probably Fatal Bullet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COVINGTON, VA., July 28.—Policeman Richard Fleming, colored, here Tuesday night, McGuffin, assisted by Policemen J. W. Baker, was searching for Garfield, the negro who killed Annie Washington, and shot George Perkins, both colored, here last Friday. Baker entered a house, in which there were several men and women, while McGuffin watched one of the back windows. Fleming got out of another window and fired at McGuffin's suspender buckle and glanced off. McGuffin fired twice at the negro, both shots taking effect in his back.

Fleming is now in jail, and he will probably recover.

Grove Camp Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., July 28.—Much interest is felt in, and a large number of people from both sides of the Rappahannock River, will attend the Grove Camp Meeting, which opens in the handsomeness of the Rappahannock, new grounds in Lancaster county, on Friday, July 29th, to continue ten days. Dr. H. Wharton, assisted by Dr. A. C. Barron and Rev. John Brown, will conduct the services. The Marvin Grove Methodist camp meeting will open for ten days August 5th to the 15th, and will be held in Northumberland county.

The handsome bank building which is being erected on the corner of F. P. Stearns, of this city, is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

GIRL STANDS ON A RATTLESNAKE

Thrilling Experience of Little Julia Divers in Franklin County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROCKY MOUNT, VA., July 28.—Julia Divers, a little miss only six years old, held a mammoth rattlesnake at bay yesterday and by her presence of mind saved herself from a horrible fate. She is the daughter of W. A. Divers, a prominent farmer of this vicinity, and was very hunting with her brother at the foot of Grassy Hill, a large mountain to the north of this town.

The little girl was stepped upon a mammoth rattlesnake lying in her path. The terrible reptile was in a coil ready to strike, but the child's weight upon it made it impossible for the moment to reach out and give play to its deadly fangs.

The little girl, recognizing her danger, planted both feet on the squirming snake, and standing as steady as the circumstances would permit, kept the venomous reptile fastened to the ground.

She called to her little brother who, in turn, called to his father, who in a quarter of an hour came to the rescue, and detached the rattlesnake. All the time this brave little miss held the fierce enemy fiercely under her feet, and faintly sobbed. She escaped unhurt, and with the others, examined the big reptile dead, but yet unstill. The rattlesnake measured four feet in length and eight inches in circumference and carried nine rattles on its tail.

Change in Soap.

You will change to Fels-Naptha as soon as you find it out.

Makes washday a lot easier than it used to be.

Fels-Naptha Philadelphia

KILLED WITH BLOW OF AXE

Another Brutal Murder Committed in Princess Anne County.

DR. HALL CONSIDERS CALL

Action Against Atlantic Hotel for Rent Suspended—Small Verdict in Damage Suit.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., July 28.—An effort has been made through C. M. Randolph, representing the owners of the Atlantic Hotel building, to sell the effects of this hotel to settle a claim for rent in the sum of \$4,000. Attorney Alfred P. Thom, who appeared for Colonel J. Hull Davidson, proprietor of the hotel, asked that the matter be deferred until September 1st, as then Colonel Davidson expects to be able to more than pay off the debt now the hotel season is coming on. The hotel will be continued by the same management.

The new seven-story building to be erected as the B. M. A. building on the corner of Atlantic and Plume Streets, will be commenced next Monday or Tuesday. The contract for erecting this structure was given to Frank May. It will cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and will be entirely fire-proof, and not semi-fire-proof as was originally intended.

DR. HALL CALLED.

Rev. Dr. J. Hall, of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, this city, was on last Sunday unanimously called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, at Fayetteville, N. C., and will give up his pastorate here in the near future. He has been in Norfolk some years and has done a large work here.

Anthony Lagigia in his \$5,000 damage suit against the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company, won the Court of Law and Chancery today, given judgment for \$100. Lagigia claimed to have been badly hurt about the face and nose in an accident at Olney, on the Eastern Shore, while traveling from Norfolk to New York, April 7. An open switch was the cause of the accident.

BRUTAL MURDER.

Another murder took place in Princess Anne county yesterday, when a colored man named Hamm was shot and killed by another negro, named L. Godley. It was reported that Godley and Hamm had a quarrel when working together yesterday, and Hamm struck Godley with an axe. Godley was discharged from the work he was employed on, and coming to Norfolk, secured his gun, and returned to his home. He was later arrested by Magistrate C. H. Fentress, on a dam at the Norfolk City Water Works. He was immediately given a hearing by Justice Fentress and sent on to the Princess Anne grand jury.

MECKLENBURG TRAGEDY.

Only One Killed, But It Was a Bloody Fight.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLACKVILLE, VA., July 28.—Your Boynton correspondent of the 11th instant was misinformed as to the killing near this place on Monday evening last. Only one man was killed, Sheppard, a white, and killed Hamm, a negro, but not fatally cut. The facts so far as known are substantially as follows: There had been trouble between the two men about a woman, of course. In this case, however, the woman was a young white girl named Crowder, who gave her age in court as fourteen years. She was a very beautiful girl, and a degree of moral turpitude, rarely equalled. Sheppard crossed the river on Monday with the declared purpose of getting Langford out of his way, as he expressed it.

When they met on the street it was seemingly as friends, shaking hands and chatting awhile. Langford soon left, going down the railroad with the girl, and others, being followed soon after by Sheppard, who overtook them about a mile below town.

He then made an attack on Langford with a knife, cutting him across the face and arm. Langford then drew his knife and struck Sheppard in the breast just below the heart. The man walked about twenty-five yards and fell dead with his bloody knife still in his hand. Langford came to town yesterday and gave his story to the grand jury, who returned a verdict that he was entitled to the sum of \$300 for his appearance in court.

Sheppard is said to have a family living near Louisville, N. C. Langford is also a man of family, having a wife and several children living near Pineywood, this county, where he makes his home. But little is known as to the causes immediately leading up to this shameful tragedy.

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION.

Ten Days' Meeting of Disciples Opens at Gordonsville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GORDONSVILLE, VA., July 28.—The Piedmont Association of the Disciples' Church began its annual meeting to-day at the Tabernacle grounds for a period of ten days. Rev. M. Book will preach throughout the meeting. The Tabernacle grounds are situated one mile from town, in a grove of magnificent oaks, where spring water is abundant.

A rustic hotel accommodates the preachers and visitors from a distance, and numerous private cottages are dispersed throughout the grounds. Telephone communication places the Tabernacle in communication with the town. The admission fee of ten cents will be charged at the gate on Sundays; no charges on week days.

Rev. Mr. Houston has charge of the boarding department, and also of the entire grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cameron and family, Mrs. Briscoe and daughter, Miss Sampson, Rae Block, Evelyn Martin, Margaret Martin, Mary Lantry and Edna Faber, Mr. and Mrs. Norville Lantry and Messrs. Sampson and Faber were among the visitors to the Orange Hotel Show.

Miss Grace Altman left Thursday for an extended visit to Kansas and Missouri.

THE YARDMASTER KILLED BY A CAR

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CREWE, VA., July 28.—Mr. Baxter Jones, yardmaster for the Norfolk and Western here, was killed this morning by being run over by a car, which was being shifted from one track to another.

His head was fearfully mangled. His family, consisting of a wife and three children, are summering in Brunswick county.

A Bold Robbery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLACKVILLE, VA., July 28.—A daring robbery was committed about 5

o'clock yesterday afternoon about two miles west of town on the main road leading to Buffalo Springs. Mrs. Willie Norwood stepped over to a neighbor's living near and was absent a half hour or less. When she returned she found that some one had entered her house and stolen her silverware and some twenty dollars in cash. She is the only case of the kind in this county.

Blake—Rhea.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HISTORICAL, VA., July 28.—At 6 o'clock this evening Miss Mary Center Rhea became the bride of Mr. Charles Alexander Blake. The marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on Cumberland Street, and was witnessed by quite a number of friends and relatives. There were no attendants, and the ceremony was a quiet one. The bride was decorated for the occasion. Rev. W. H. Saylor, of the Central Presbyterian Church, officiated.

Avis—Dyer.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., July 28.—Miss Ruth Dyer, a popular young milliner of the city, was given in marriage to Mr. Avis, a chemist, were married last night at the parsonage of Grace Methodist Church. Rev. W. O. Tolbert officiating.

An Elopement.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., July 28.—Mr. Henry Carper and Miss Anna Hotell, daughter of Mr. W. T. Hotell, a prominent business man, drove to Clearbrook yesterday afternoon, and, unknown to any of their friends, went to Hagers-town, Md., where they were married by Mr. Smith, of the United Brethren Church, and returned to their home. They returned here last night.

Rocky Mount Tips.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROCKY MOUNT, VA., July 28.—A representative of the Societies of America and G. Towner, who is one of the national organizers, spoke here a few days ago to a large audience. There is talk of a new tobacco warehouse being built here. Mr. Craig, who is in very feeble health, has gone to Craig Healing Springs, his son accompanying him.

Encouraging Report.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., July 28.—The directors of the proposed Union and Valley electric railroad met here to-day to hear the report of G. C. Whipple, general manager of the proposed line, who reported that the examination of the road was very encouraging.

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WAS FOUND DEAD BY THE RAILROAD

Edwin L. Parrish, of Lynchburg, Thought to Have Been Killed by Fall From Train.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATEAUVILLE, VA., July 28.—The dead body of Edwin L. Parrish, of Lynchburg, Va., was found at 5 o'clock this morning lying beside of the track of the Southern Railway, just south of the city. Back of his left ear was a deep gash in his head and his left arm was almost severed close to the shoulder. Death had probably occurred some two or three hours before.

The unfortunate man, in company with two companions, was on his return home from Washington and Alexandria, where he had gone in quest of work. The trio was seen about Union Station several times on yesterday, awaiting an opportunity to board a southbound train. Late in the afternoon one of the number got off; some time after midnight Parrish attempted to board a fast freight going south, and the third was arrested this morning in the Southern yards for vagrancy.

Upon the person of the deceased were found a valuable gold watch, with the initials "B. S. P." inscribed upon the case; an empty pocket-book, a match safe, with the picture of a young lady upon it, and a letter from a woman, which was written some time in May last. In the lapel of his coat he wore a Woodman of the World button. A memorandum in a time book gave his age as twenty-two, his height five feet, eight inches and his weight 140.

According to the statement of an acquaintance, Parrish is of a good family. One of his brothers is said to be a successful merchant in the Hill City, and an uncle is a member of the police force. Six months ago the deceased was employed in the Chesapeake and Ohio yards at Lynchburg. Later, he accepted a position as brakeman on the Lynchburg and Durham road, which he quit on June 10th last.

The remains were prepared for burial at the undertaking establishment of James Perley and Sons, and sent to the deceased's home, No. 115 Sixteenth Street, Lynchburg.

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